

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, TO BE READ BY JOHN T. SLOAN, JR. BEFORE  
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I have been widely quoted in the press as saying that if departments run over their budgets it would be necessary to cut salaries of state employes. This statement is not quite correct. It is the duty of the state budget commission, of which I am a member, to see that the departments operate within their budgets. If it appears that departments are going to exceed their budgets, they will have to effect economies.

Every possible economy will be made before salaries are touched. It is a fact which gives me deep concern that state employes are not overpaid in these high-priced times. No salaries will be cut except as an absolutely last resort.